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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-499)

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In the Application of:

Chou et al.

Serial No.: 08/903,944

Filing Date: July 31, 1997

For: Production of Transgenic Poinsettia

Examiner: D. Fox

Group Art Unit: 1638

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

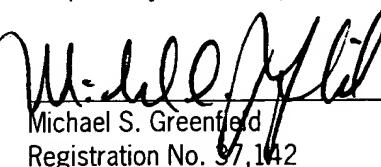
- a) Response to the Office Action Mailed August 8, 2001;
- b) two (2) sets of claims: 1-redlined, 1-clean;
- c) return receipt postcard.

2. With respect to fees:

- a) A fee is not required at this time.
- b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 8, 2001

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Four Times Amended) A method for producing transgenic poinsettia plants, comprising:
 - (a) incubating poinsettia plant tissue explants that produce reddish epidermal callus on auxin- and cytokinin-containing callus induction medium;
 - (b) culturing reddish epidermal callus on embryo induction medium comprising casein hydrolysate and NH₄⁺ and/or NO₃⁻ to form embryogenic callus;
 - (c)
 - (i) introducing an expression vector into said incubating embryogenic callus to produce transformed embryogenic callus, wherein said expression vector comprises a selectable marker gene and a second foreign gene, or

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